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PRESIDENT'S HOUSE TO BE READY SOON

Although building generally is almost at a standstill in Middlebury, a notable addition to the modern residences in the village is being made this month by the extensive alterations at the so-called Seely house at No. 3 South street which will shortly be ready for occupancy by President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College. This old residence is a landmark to the older alumni of the college, as for many years it was the home of Professor Henry Martyn Seely who was known to many generations of graduates as a most successful and popular professor of natural history. In May, twenty-six years ago the house was the scene of the wedding of Professor Seely's daughter, Sarah Grace, to John Martin Thomas who was that year ordained as a minister at East Orange, N. J., and who fifteen years later became president of Middlebury College. There is therefore, a deep-rooted sentiment in the choice which President and Mrs. Thomas have made of this property as a presidential mansion, and as the alterations have progressed it is disclosed how excellent a site the property is for this purpose.

At the rear or east side of the house, is a beautiful meadow land sloping down to the banks of the Otter Creek, and on this side there is not only a remarkably beautiful view of the bend in the river, but also of the Green Mountain range. It is therefore on this side that the most extensive changes in the house are being made, including the erection of a two story porch enclosed with glass, the upper portion of which is to be a sleeping porch, and still further to avail themselves of this eastern view Dr. and Mrs. Thomas have raised the roof of the house and put in large windows in a room at the southeast corner, which will be their own quarters. An upstairs hallway is being remodeled into one of the four bathrooms, this one adjoining a guest room at the

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N. S. FOOTE IN FLIGHT OVER MIDDLEBURY

Norman S. Foote, traveling over sixty miles an hour, cut some thrilling circles around Middlebury on Wednesday afternoon and still escaped being held up for excess of the speed limit.

In an airplane, as a passenger of Lt. John J. Lynch of Rutland, Foote qualified as the first resident of Middlebury to travel in the air. At about three o'clock Wednesday afternoon Mr. Foote called up his wife in Middlebury from Rutland and told her that between four and five o'clock he would fly over his own house in his first airplane trip.

Aviator Lynch, a recent army lieutenant and a former member of the Class of 1919 at Middlebury College who has been making many flights at Rutland, took Foote as his passenger at a rate which is unofficially reported as costing a dollar a minute for a flight which took about fifty-five minutes. The airplane started from Kelly Field at Rutland and at about 5 o'clock appeared over The Register office in Middlebury at a height of about 2,000 feet, from which Lynch did a spiral dive, coming so close to earth near the Foote residence on College street that he could be seen waving his hand from the plane. A quantity of advertising matter was thrown overboard, but the machine did not land here. The return to Rutland was made by way of Lake Dunmore and Salisbury.

Mr. Foote said that one of the purposes of the trip was to survey the country for desirable landing places, which require a field of about 1,100 feet in length. The only spaces in this vicinity being practicable for landing according to Foote, were the county fair grounds and Meehan's Park at Lake Dunmore.

Are you a helper or just a bystander? If the former, you will deposit with the Addison County Trust Co., Inc. 4 per cent.—Adv.

COUNTY ROAD WORK ON BETTER BASIS \$50,000 IS BEING SPENT THIS YEAR

For the first time since the war, work on Addison County roads is returning to normal activity with the prospect that this season will see a considerable road improvement in many sections. Owing to the retrenchment during the war period, more road money is available this year than previous seasons and County Road Commissioner Willis N. Cady has so far developed the "patrol system" that no less than 105 miles of the main roads of Addison County are now in the constant care of county patrols, all in addition to what is being done by the various town road commissioners.

How great a gain this is in the matter of patrols may be seen with comparison of other years. Last year only 31 miles were under patrol, and five men employed, while in 1917 there were only two patrolmen devoting part of their time to cover eight or nine miles.

In all, over \$50,000 is being spent this year in county road work in Addison County, including \$17,000 on the federal project on the Middlebury-Salisbury road; and in addition to this \$50,000 total there is a considerable sum represented in the state automobile money from which fund the state matches with two dollars every dollar which the towns appropriate for resurfacing state roads.

Commissioner Cady is convinced that as things now stand the patrol system is the best method for road care, and the various town commissioners, appreciating the advantages of state and county cooperation, are giving every possible aid to the patrol movement. The patrolmen have been picked this year with unusual care for in road work it is individual honesty and enthusiasm that tells most in results. The roads now under regular patrol are as follows:

From Sudbury town line west to Orwell village and north to Shoreham town line. Patrolman, R. H. Walker of Orwell, eight and seven-tenths miles.

From Benson town line north to Orwell village thence west to Mount Calm Ferry. Patrolman William Burke of Orwell, nine and eight tenths miles.

From Brandon line near Forestdale, north through the east side of Lake Dunmore around to the Mountain Spring Hotel. Patrolman, Michael Mayhew of Leicester, eight miles.

From Brandon town line going north through Leicester and Salisbury to Middlebury town line, and also from Salisbury village to Mountain Spring Hotel. Patrolman George Plue of Salisbury, nine and one-fourth miles.

From Middlebury town line through Cornwall to Shoreham town line patrolman, Jerry Murray of Cornwall, six miles.

From Middlebury town line on Weybridge street to Addison town line, via The Monument, and also from The Monument to Quaker Village. Patrolman Luther Roscoe of Weybridge, nine miles.

From Middlebury town line north on the trunk road to New Haven Junction. Patrolman R. H. Potter of New Haven, five and three-tenths miles.

From Bristol town line through New Haven via New Haven Junction thence

north to Vergennes City line. Patrolman Q. B. Swain of New Haven, seven and one-half miles.

From Vergennes town line north through Ferrisburg to Charlotte, and also from North Ferrisburg station east to North Ferrisburg village. Patrolman Edward Sears of Ferrisburg, eight and two-thirds miles.

From Bristol limits to Starksboro town line and also to Lincoln town line, Patrolman Michael Crowley of Bristol, six miles.

From Bristol village limits west to New Haven town line also south to Middlebury town line, via South Bristol, also from Bristol Flats to New Haven town line, near New Haven Mills. Patrolman John Benedict of Bristol, seven miles.

From Bristol town line north to Huntington town line through Starksboro. Patrolman Powell Tatro of Starksboro, seven miles.

From Vergennes city line through Pantown and four miles into Addison on turnpike. Elliott Miller of Pantown, eight miles.

From Addison Four Corners to Chimney Point. Patrolman A. L. Patten of Addison, eight and one-half miles.

These patrolmen are held directly responsible for the condition of the roads assigned to them. Their duties consist of keeping the ditches clean, the holes patched up, raking the stones, and running the scraping machine.

Aside from this county work considerable improvement is being attempted by the town commissioners and in Middlebury notably Commissioner James McGlinchey has a project under way on Chipman Hill road where a gang is filling in with crushed stone.

One of the most extensive projects in the county is one which will cost upwards of \$17,000 and which is being carried out on the road to Salisbury, from a point known as the Thomas farm north to a point near the Nelson farm on the main road to Middlebury. As auto travelers well know, the work has been going on for some time from junction of the Salisbury and Lake roads south, where the road is now closed, and will later this fall be extended toward Middlebury as far as the Nelson farm. This project which is being financed with federal cooperation is in charge of a Mr. Douglas from St. Johnsbury and the engineering work is being overseen by D. R. Donahue of the State Engineer's office. A Telford base is being put in with gravel road surface and culvert drainage. The grades are also being cut away.

Commissioner Cady, who in addition to his county road work has charge of the village sidewalks construction, was asked by The Register what improvements were in prospect in this line this summer. It was suggested to Mr. Cady that in some places conditions were wretched, and he appeared fully alive to the fact and hoped that another year the village could appropriate sufficient funds for extensive sidewalk improvement. For this season at least one section would be improved, and that in the vicinity of the Catholic Church where St. Mary's Parish will cooperate with the village in the expense.

HAY CROP IS FINE GRAIN LOSS BIG

This week has seen almost feverish activity on Addison County farms where, under handicap of a labor shortage, farmers have been scurrying to take advantage of the good hay days, and at the same time, in many sections to wage war on the grasshoppers, whose invasion this year is still more serious than last season, threatening the loss of several thousands of dollars worth of grain crops.

Practically the whole county is infested with the hoppers, particularly the lake towns and those farms bordering on Dead Creek and Lemon Fair. Up to a week ago the pests sported in the pastures and meadows, but now that the feed in the pastures is getting short and hay in the meadows is being cut, the invaders are storming the grain fields where they are doing serious damage, particularly among the oats. Hundreds of acres of this crop will be cut in the next few days in order to save the grain from being stripped by the ravenous hoppers. The immense pastures and meadows form such an extensive breeding place that County Agent Bartlett says it is practically impossible to keep the pests under control unless universal use is made of the poisoned bran bait, the recipe of which was published in the recent issue of the Farm Bureau News.

It is a discouraging outlook for the farmers for grain was hard to sow this spring, and the crop was coming along exceptionally slow with the prospect of a poor crop even without the further damage that the grasshoppers are making. "No one," says Mr. Bartlett, "should wait until the hoppers are dropping the grain. The poisoned bran bait should be generously used in strips around the fields, and if the grain is near a meadow leave a strip of grass a rod wide next to the field, which will help to hold the hoppers in check for a time. In applying the bait one application will not take care of the fields indefinitely, it must be replaced every three or four days." Farmers who are not acquainted with the formula for poisoned bait may obtain it from the Farm Bureau Office.

Notwithstanding the threatened loss from the grasshoppers the farmers are harvesting a remarkable crop of hay, one of the finest in several years. County Agent Bartlett estimates that the yield is at least 20 per cent better than the average and though much of it is already in, some farmers are having a particularly hard time in finding the necessary labor. The potato crop, although somewhat backward has been coming on much better recently and ought to be up to, if not above normal.

See Slader, Optometrist, at the Sargent, Thursday, August 14.

THE SKY-LINE TOUR STARTS ADVERTISING

Widespread advertisement of Middlebury as the convenient western gateway to the Monroe Skyline Trail over the northern range of Green Mountains is contained in a circular just issued by the Green Mountain Club, proposing Middlebury as the starting point for summer tourists, who would enjoy the thrills of a 10-day tramp from here to Mt. Mansfield.

This literature, which gives a definite schedule of just how the trip can be made from point to point is being sent to hundreds of members of the Green Mountain Club, not only in Vermont but in New York City and elsewhere, and this announcement really inaugurates the first season's use of the fine trail which Professor Will S. Monroe, president of the New York section of the Green Mountain Club, completed last year, and to which he is now adding the luxury of several cabins.

The choice of Middlebury as the starting point is due to the fact that grades on this section of the Long Trail are easier if taken from the south, and it affords the tourist the climax of Mt. Mansfield, the highest in the state, for the finish of the 10 day trip. The excellence of hotel accommodations here and train facilities make Middlebury preferable to many other gateways to the mountains, and the actual entrance upon the Skyline Trail can be directly reached from here by automobile. The southern end of the completed trail is at the point known as Middlebury Gap, a point which lies in the Hancock-Ripton Pass and which is reached by a good automobile road through East Middlebury, Ripton, past Bread Loaf Inn about two and a half miles, a total distance of 14 miles. Detailed maps showing all of the features of the trail, all the way from Middlebury to Mt. Mansfield, are available for inspection at The Register office, through the courtesy of Professor Munroe and they will be gladly exhibited to anyone interested in planning to negotiate the trail.

Prof. Munroe has already completed five lodges on his 41 miles of trail and with the use of Pleiad Lodge, at the southern extremity of the trail near Middlebury Gap, it will really mean six comfortable shelters in which trappers may spend their nights and prepare their meals. In the past month he has completed five new lodges at Glen Ellen, about six miles north from the summit of Mt. Abraham, and at Cooley Glen (between Mt. Grant and Mt. Cleveland), while five miles further north, this week he reroofed the Emily Proctor Lodge in Bread Loaf Glen which is one of the most beautiful camping spots on the trail.

The circular which Secretary Theron S. Dean is sending out to the members (Continued on page four)



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COLLEGE OFFERS A "FREE CHAUTAUQUA"

Dr. Charles B. Wright, head of the English Department of Middlebury College, gave a reading Monday evening in the Old Chapel before a large gathering, the first of a series of 12 or more entertainments to be held this summer at the Summer School. Dr. Wright read "Zodiac Pine's Labor Union" by H. C. Bunner and "The Petunias" by Dorothy Canfield Fisher. A number of the village people were present.

The English School, under which this reading was given, has arranged a program for the rest of the season, also, the plan being to have a speaker every Monday evening. The schedule for the next three weeks is as follows: July 28, Professor Frank W. Cady; August 4, Dr. S. T. Williams; August 11, Miss Gladys Lott.

A series of three general lectures have also been arranged by Dr. E. D. Collins, director of the Summer Session. The first will be given in the Mead Chapel next Tuesday, when Dr. K. F. Geiser, professor of Political Science, will speak on "Problems of World Peace", immediately following Professor Hathaway's weekly organ recital. Dr. Geiser is well qualified to speak on this subject since he has been making a special study of this matter for the past year. Wednesday, August 6, Theron S. Dean, secretary of the Green Mountain Club, will lecture with the aid of lantern slides, on "The Long Trail", the sky-line path over the ridges of the Green Mountains. This talk will be given in the lecture room of the Chemistry Building at 8 o'clock. The third general lecture will probably be given by George M. Rowland who will speak on "Japan". Mr. Rowland is a graduate of Middlebury College in the class of 1883 and is now attending Summer School during a furlough from his missionary work in Japan.

Two evenings will also be given over to the Music School, in addition to the Tuesday evenings on which the weekly organ recitals are held. Next Friday Miss Minnie Hayden, vocal teacher of the Music School, will give a vocal recital in the Mead Chapel. The following Friday, August 8, a similar recital will be rendered by Miss Hayden's pupils.

The complete chronological program, so far as is known to date is:

To all of these evening programs the public are cordially invited.

Sunday, July 27—Readings from Tagore with organ accompaniment, by Prof. Edwin L. Baker at Mead Chapel at 5 p. m.

Monday, July 28—Reading of Shakespeare's songs, by Professor Frank W. Cady at the Old Chapel at 8 p. m.

Tuesday, July 29—Organ recital by Professor Lewis J. Hathaway, and lecture on "Problems of World Peace", by Dr. Karl F. Geiser at Mead Chapel at 7 p. m.

Wednesday, July 30—Illustrated lecture on Japan, by Dr. George M. Rowland in Chemistry Building at 8 p. m.

Friday, August 1—Song recital by Miss Marjorie L. Overing in Music Hall at 8 p. m.

Monday, August 4—Reading by Dr. Stanley T. Williams at Room 2 Old Chapel, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, August 5—Half-hour organ recital by Professor Lewis J. Hathaway at Mead Chapel at 7 p. m.

Wednesday, August 6—Illustrated lecture on the Green Mountain Trail by Theron S. Dean of Burlington, at the Chemistry Building, 8 p. m.

Friday, August 8—Vocal recital by Miss Hayden's music class, Music Hall, 8 p. m.

Monday, August 11—Reading by Miss Gladys Lott at Old Chapel, 8 p. m.

—Miss Emma J. Perkins, formerly matron of the Old Ladies' home in Rutland, is now critically ill at the home. Miss Perkins was a former resident of East Middlebury.

—On Friday August 1, it is planned to hold the annual masquerade ball of the Spanish School. This is one of the biggest social events of the Spanish School season.

—Mrs. Marcus Allen, who has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buckley, for the past week, has returned to New York.

—Mrs. Walter J. White, who has been spending a week at her home on Main street, has returned to Shelburne and will make her home with her mother until Capt. White is discharged from the army.

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